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How to Download APPX/Bundle of WP8.1 apps from Microsoft Store

Requirements

- Any PC/Mobile with Internet access.

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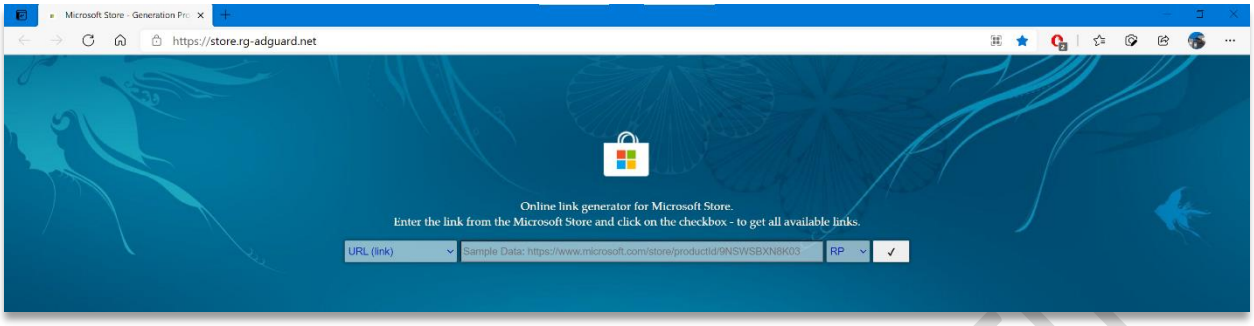

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Introduction

Adguard is an easy method to grab the APPX/Bundle packages for any apps that are in the Microsoft store for backup purpose or for later offline installation.

NOTICES

- Windows Phone 8.1 don't support UWP apps, so even if you get the package, they won't sideload.
- You can't get XAP like this, they are encrypted and is useless even if you managed to download them using this guide.

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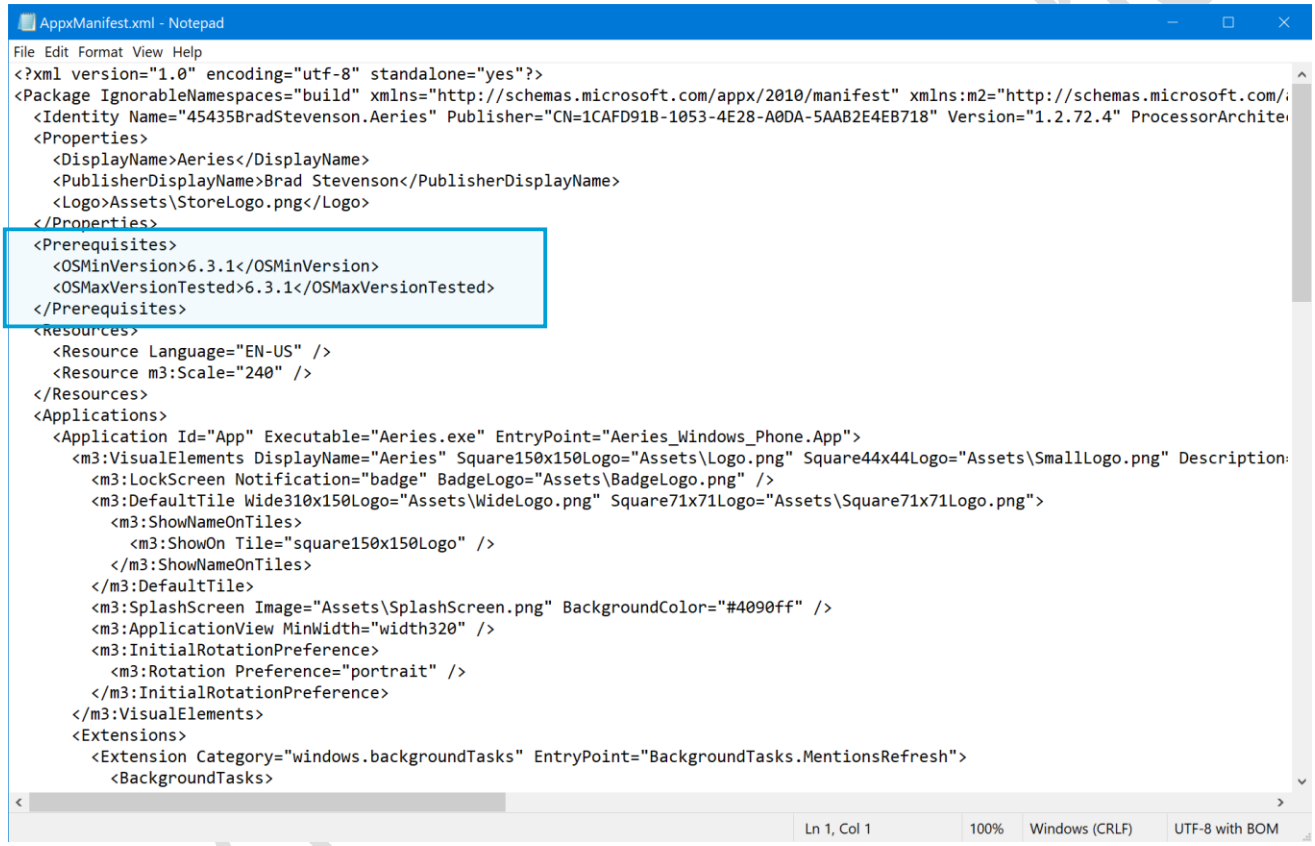
How to Identify WP8.1 APPX apps

Most reliable way is to look inside it's Manifest file which need the package to be downloaded first.

> Extract/Open Appx/bundle file with an Archive manager and open **"AppxManifest.xml"** file in notepad and look for this line of code in "*Prerequisites*" tag;

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<Prerequisites>
  <OSMinVersion>6.3.1</OSMinVersion>
  <OSMaxVersionTested>6.3.1</OSMaxVersionTested>
</Prerequisites>
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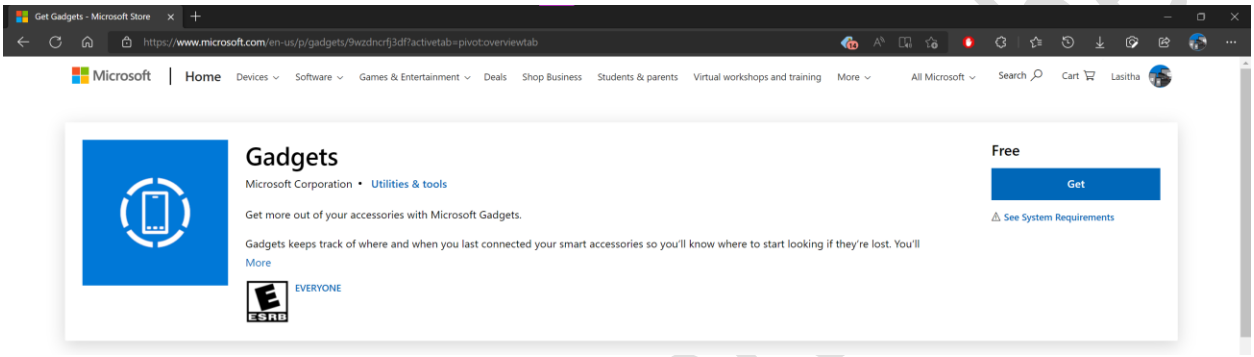
If this is present in the AppxManifest file, then it's designed for WP8.1.

Downloading App packages for Windows Phone 8.1 apps

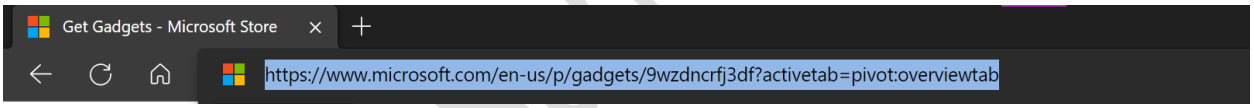
> First of all, you need to have the store listing link for the app in Microsoft store.

Easiest way to get it is by going to it in the web Microsoft store.

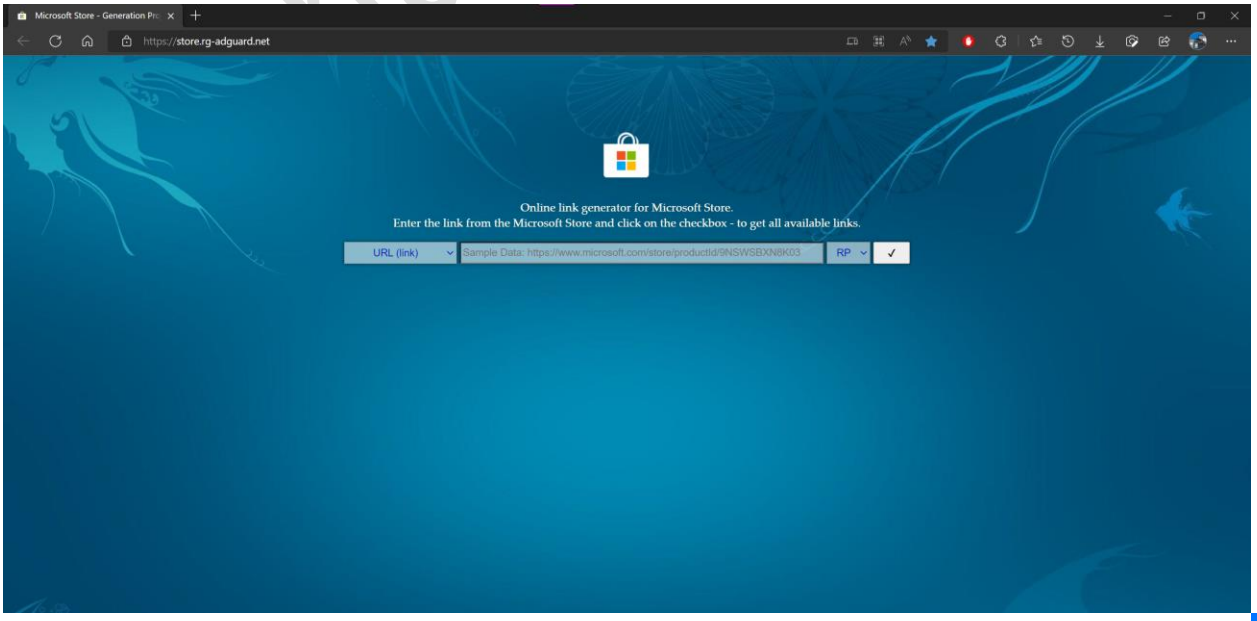
For an instance, I have gone to the Microsoft Gadgets (Device Hub) store page.



> Now we need to copy the full address of the store page.



> Now go to: https://store.rg-adguard.net/



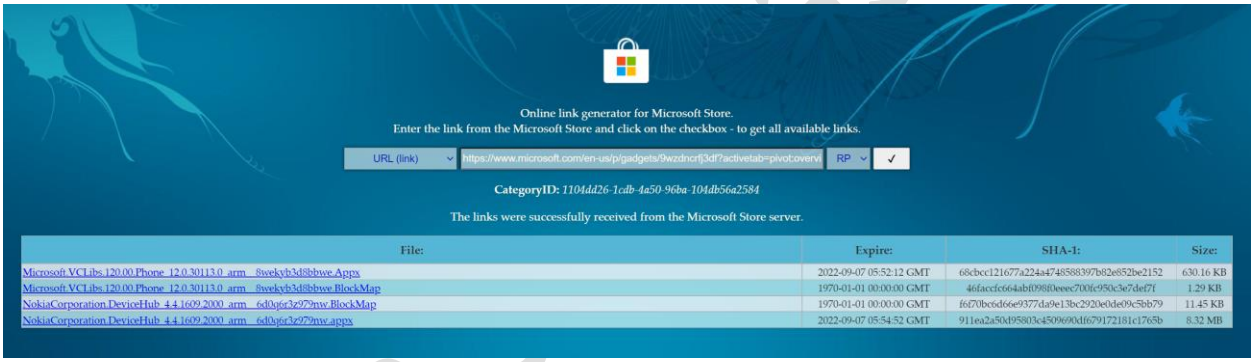
Windows Phone 8.1 (Lumia) Group: https://t.me/W8Mobile

> Paste the address you copied and click the tick button.

Then the rotating dots will appear to indicate that it's loading file links.

> When it finishes loading, you will get a list of files.

There you can download the APPX of the app by **clicking on it**.



TIP

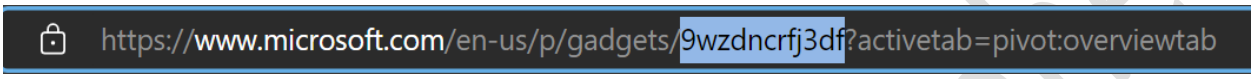
- You will get dependencies for the app too, if your phone doesn't have them already installed, you will need to deploy them to your phone too.
- These links are **temporary**, they will stop working after a while.
- You **may need to repack** the APPX to deploy to your Windows Phone 8.1 Device, read our repacking guide.

Method other than URL?

> There is one, and that is by the PRODUCT ID of an app in Microsoft store.

Easiest way to get PRODUCT ID is also by the URL so it's not very useful.

The Highlighted part is the PRODUCT ID of that specific app.



> Now go to: https://store.rg-adguard.net/

> Change the URL (Link) to ProductId.

Then paste the link and do as usual.

Additional Notes

- Adguard can be used for Appx/bundle files only, not xaps, even though you can download xap files they are encrypted so useless
- You can determine if it has a Windows Phone 8.1 version via the system requirements in Store page of the app

Have Nice Day!

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